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RICK. *n. f.* See **REEK**.
 1. A pile of corn or hay regularly heaped up in the open field, and sheltered from wet.
An inundation
 O'erflowed a farmer's barn and stable;
 Whole ricks of hay and stacks of corn
 Were down the sudden current born. *Swift.*
 Mice and rats do great injuries in the field, houses, barns,
 and corn ricks. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
 2. A heap of corn or hay piled by the gatherer.
 In the North they bind them up in small bundles, and make
 small ricks of them in the field. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
RICKETS. *n. f.* [*rachitis*, Lat.] A name given to the dis-
 temper at its appearance by *Gilpin*.
 The rickets is a distemper in children, from an unequal di-
 stribution of nourishment, whereby the joints grow knotty,
 and the limbs uneven: its cure is performed by evacuation
 and friction. *Quincy.*
 In some years, liver-grown, spleen, and rickets are put al-
 together, by reason of their likeness. *Graunt's Bills of Mort.*
 O were my pupil fairly knock'd o' th' head,
 I shou'd possess th' estate, if he were dead;
 He's so far gone with the rickets and th' evil,
 That one small dose will send him to the devil. *Dryden.*
 So when at school we first declaim,
 Old Busby walks us in a theme,
 Whose props support our infant vein,
 And help the rickets in the brain;
 But when our souls their force dilate,
 Our thoughts grow up to wit's estate. *Prior.*
RICKETY. *adj.* [from *rickets*.] Diseased with the rickets.
 In a young animal, when the solids are too lax, the case
 of rickety children, the diet should be gently astringent. *Arb.*
RICKLES. *n. f.* A plant. *Ainsworth.*
RICKLE. *n. f.* [*riculus*, Lat.] A gaping. *Dict.*
RID. *pret. of ride.*
TO RID. *v. a.* [from *hæbbean*, Saxon.]
 1. To sit free; to redeem.
 It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies; thou
 shalt rid me from the wicked man. *Psalms xviii. 49.*
 Rid me, and deliver me out of great waters. *Psalms xlviii.*
 I will bring you out from under their burthens, and rid
 you out of their bondage. *Exodus vi. 6.*
 2. To clear; to disencumber.
 They were not before so willing to be rid of their learned
 pastor, as now importunate to obtain him again from them,
 who had given him entertainment. *Hooker.*
 I must rid all the seas of pirates. *Shakespeare.*
 We'll use his countenance; which being done,
 Let her, who would be rid of him, devise
 His speedy taking off. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*
 Upon the word, slept forth
 Three of thy crew, to rid thee of that care. *B. Johnson.*
 I can put on
 Thy terrors, as I put thy mildness on,
 Image of thee in all things; and shall soon,
 Arm'd with thy might, rid heav'n of these rebell'd. *Milton.*
 Did faints for this bring in their plate;
 For when they thought the cause had need on't,
 Happy was he that could be rid on't. *Hudibras.*
 The god uneasy till he slept again,
 Resolv'd at once to rid himself of pain. *Dryden.*
 At any rate we desire to be rid of the present evil, which
 we are apt to think nothing absent can equal. *Locke.*
 The greater visible good does not always raise men's desire,
 in proportion to the greatness it appears to have; though
 every little trouble moves us, and sets on work to get rid of
 it. *Locke.*
 The ladies asked, whether we believed that the men of any
 town would, at the same conjuncture, have loaden themselves
 with their wives; or rather, whether they would not have been
 glad of such an opportunity to get rid of them? *Addison.*
 The father, seeing himself entirely rid of Theodosius, was
 not very much concerned at the obdurate refusal of his
 daughter. *Addison's Spectator, N° 164.*
 3. To dispatch.
 Having the best at Barnet field,
 We'll thither straight; for willingness rids away. *Shakespeare.*
 4. To drive away; to pick away; to destroy.
 Ah deathen! you have rid this sweet young prince. *Shakespeare.*
RIDDANCE. *n. f.* [from *rid*.]
 1. Deliverance.
 Deliverance from sudden death, riddance from all adversity,
 and the extent of saving mercy towards all men. *Hooker.*
 2. Disencumbrance; loss of something one is glad to lose.
 I have two griev'd a heart
 To take a tedious leave: thus loiter part.
 —A gentle riddance. *Shakespeare. Merchant of Venice.*
 By this, the cock had a good riddance of his rival. *L'Estr.*
 3. Act of clearing away any encumbrances.
 Those blossoms, and those dropping gums,
 That he bestrown, unsightly and unsmooth,
 At riddance, if we mean to tread with ease. *Milton.*

RIDDER. the participle of *ride*.
 He could never have ridden out an eternal period, but it
 must be by a more powerful being than himself. *Hale.*
RIDDLE. *n. f.* [*rædelf*, Saxon, from *ræde*, counsel, perhaps
 a trial of wit.]
 1. An enigma; a puzzling question; a dark problem.
 How did you dare
 To trade and traffick with Macbeth,
 In riddles and in charms of death. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*
 The Theban monster, that propos'd
 Her riddle, and him, who solv'd it not, devour'd;
 That once found out and solv'd, for grief and spite
 Cast herself headlong from the Iliacian sleep. *Milton.*
 Her mother was thinking of a riddle. *Dryden.*
 2. Any thing puzzling.
 'Twas a strange riddle of a lady;
 Not love, if any lov'd her: hey day!
 So cowards never use their might,
 But against such as will not fight. *Hudibras.*
 3. [hættel, Saxon.] A coarse or open sieve.
 Horse-beans and tares, sown together, are easily parted
 with a riddle. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
TO RIDDLE. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
 1. To solve; to unriddle. There is something of whimsical
 analogy between the two senses of the word riddle: as, we
 say, to sift a question: but their derivations differ.
 Riddle me this, and guess him if you can,
 Who bears a nation in a single man? *Dryden's Juvenal.*
 2. To separate by a coarse sieve.
 The finest sifted mould must be riddled in. *Mortimer.*
TO RIDDLE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To speak ambiguously
 or obscurely.
 Be plain, good son, and homely in thy drift;
 Riddling confession finds but riddling thirst. *Shakespeare.*
RIDDLINGLY. *adv.* [from *riddle*.] In the manner of a riddle.
 Though like the pestilence and old-fashion'd love,
 Riddlingly it catch men, and doth remove
 Never, till it be starv'd out, yet their state
 Is poor. *Dante.*
TO RIDE. *v. n.* *preter. rid or rode*, part. *rid* or *ridden*. [*risan*,
 Saxon; *rijden*, Dutch.]
 1. To travel on horseback.
 Brutus and Cassius
 Are rid, like madmen, through the gates of Rome. *Shakespeare.*
 Were you but riding forth to air yourself,
 Such parting were too petty. *Shakespeare. Cymbeline.*
 Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden? *North.*
 So stands a forest tall of mountain oaks
 Advanc'd to mighty growth; the traveller
 Hears from the humble valley, where he rides,
 The hollow murmurs of the winds that blow
 Amidst the boughs. *Addison's Remarks on Italy.*
 Let your matter ride on before, and do you gallop after
 him. *Swift's Directions to the Groom.*
 2. To travel in a vehicle; to be borne, not to walk.
 Infected be the air whereon they ride. *Shakespeare.*
 Upon this chaos rid the distressed ark, that bore the small
 remains of mankind. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*
 3. To be supported in motion.
 As venerable Nestor, hatch'd in silver,
 Should with a bond of air, strong as the axle-tree,
 On which heav'n rides, knit all the Grecian cars
 To his experienc'd tongue. *Shakespeare. Troilus and Cressida.*
 4. To manage an horse.
 Skill to ride seems a science,
 Proper to gentle blood; some others feign,
 To manage steeds, as did this vaunter; but in vain. *P. 2.*
 The horses I saw well chosen, riddler, and furnished. *Shakespeare.*
 Inspir'd by love, whose business is to please,
 He rode, he fenc'd, he mov'd with graceful ease. *Dryden.*
 5. To be on the water.
 On the Western coast
 Rides a puissant army. *Shakespeare. Rich. III.*
 The sea was grown so rough, that the admiral was not
 able longer to ride it out with his gallees; but was enforced to
 slip his anchors, and run his gallees on ground. *Kneller.*
 They were then in a place to be aided by their ships, which
 rode near in Edinburgh Frith. *Hayward.*
 Waiting him his royal fleet did ride,
 And willing winds to their lov'd sails deny'd. *Dryden.*
 Men once walk'd where ships at anchor ride. *Dryden.*
 Now on their coasts our conquering navy rides,
 Way-lays their merchants, and their land besets. *Dryden.*
 6. To be supported by something subservient.
 A credulous father, and a brother noble,
 Whose nature is so far from doing harms,
 That he suspects none; on whose foolish honesty
 My practices did eat. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*
TO RIDE. *v. a.* To manage insolently at will.
 Humility does not make us servile or insensible, nor oblige
 us to be ridden at the pleasure of every coxcomb. *Collier.*
 The nobility could no longer endure to be ridden by bakers,
 cobblers and brewers. *Swift's Prefatory to the*
RIDERS.

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RIDER. *n. f.* [from *ride*.]
 1. One who is carried on a horse or in a vehicle.
 The strong camel and the generous horse,
 Restrain'd and aw'd by man's inferior force,
 Do to the rider's will their rage submit,
 And answer to the spur, and own the bit. *Prior.*
 2. One who manages or breaks horses.
 His horses are bred better; and to that end riders dearly
 hired. *Shakespeare. As You Like it.*
 I would with jockies from Newmarket dine,
 And to rough riders give my choicest wine. *Bramston.*
 3. An infertile leaf.
RIDGE. *n. f.* [*hrygg*, Saxon; *rig*, Danish; *rugge*, Dutch,
 the back.]
 1. The top of the back.
 He thought it was no time to stay;
 But in a trice advanc'd the knight
 Upon the bare ridge bolt upright. *Hudibras.*
 2. The rough top of any thing, resembling the vertebrae of the
 back.
 As when a vulture on Imaus bred,
 Whose snowy ridge the roving Tartar bounds,
 Dislodges from a region scarce of prey. *Milton.*
 His sons
 Shall dwell to Seir, on that long ridge of hills! *Milton.*
 The highest ridges of those mountains serve for the main-
 tenance of cattle for the inhabitants of the vallies. *Ray.*
 3. A steep protuberance.
 Part rise in crystal wall, or ridge direct,
 For haste. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vii.*
 About her coasts unruly waters roar,
 And, rising on a ridge, insult the shore. *Dryden.*
 4. The ground thrown up by the plow.
 Thou visitest the earth; thou waterest the ridges thereof
 abundantly; thou fettest the furrows thereof. *Psalms lxx. 10.*
 The body is smooth on that end, and on this 'tis set with
 ridges round the point. *Woodward.*
 Wheat must be sowed above furrow fourteen days before
 Michaelmas, and laid up in round high warm ridges. *Mortimer.*
 Land for grass lay down when you sow wheat or rye, but
 then your corn should be sowed on broad ridges. *Mortimer.*
 5. The top of the roof rising to an acute angle.
 Ridge tiles or roof tiles, being in length thirteen inches,
 and made circular breadths like an half cylinder, whose
 diameter is about ten inches or more, and about half an inch
 and half a quarter in thickness, are laid upon the upper part
 or ridge of the roof, and also on the hips. *Moxon.*
 6. Ridges of a horse's mouth are wrinkles or risings of
 the flesh in the roof of the mouth, running across from one side
 of the jaw to the other like fleshy ridges, with interjacent
 furrows or sinking cavities. *Farrier's Dict.*
TO RIDGE. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To form a ridge.
 Thou from heav'n
 Feign'dst at thy birth was given thee in thy hair,
 Where strength can least abide, though all thy hairs
 Were bristles rang'd like those that ridge the back
 Of chaf'd wild boars, or rust'd porcupines. *Milton.*
RIDGELING. *n. f.* [*ricula*, Lat. *Ans.*] A ram half
 ridg'd. *Ans.*
 Tend my herd, and see them fed;
 To morning pastures, evening waters led:
 And 'ware the Libyan ridg'd butting head. *Dryden.*
 Tend them well, and see them fed
 In pastures fresh, and to their watering led;
 And 'ware the ridg'd with his butting head. *Dryden.*
RIDGELY. *adj.* [from *ridge*.] Rising in a ridge.
 Far in the sea against the foaming shore,
 There stands a rock, the raging billows roar
 Above his head in storms; but when 'tis clear,
 Uncurl their ridgy backs, and at his feet appear. *Dryden.*
RIDICULE. *n. f.* [*ridicule*, Fr. *ridiculum*, Lat.] Wit of that
 species that provokes laughter.
 Sacred to ridicule his whole life long,
 And the sad burthen of some merry song.
 Touch'd and tam'd by ridicule alone. *Pope.*
 Those, who aim at ridicule,
 Should fix upon some certain rule,
 Which fairly hints they are in jest. *Swift's Miscellanies.*
 To **RIDICULE.** *v. a.* [from the noun.] To expose to laughter;
 to treat with contemptuous merriment.
 I with the vein of ridiculing all that is serious and good
 may have no worse effect upon our state, than knight errantry
 had on theirs. *Temple.*
 He often took a pleasure to appear ignorant, that he might
 better turn to ridicule those that valued themselves on
 their books. *Addison on Medals.*
RIDICULOUS. *adj.* [*ridicule*, Fr. *ridiculus*, Lat.] Worthy of
 laughter; exciting contemptuous merriment.
 Thus was the building left
 Ridiculous; and the work confusion nam'd. *Milton.*
 It was not in Titus's power not to be decided; but it was
 in his power not to be ridiculous. *South.*

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RIDICULOUSLY. *adv.* [from *ridiculous*.] In a manner worthy
 of laughter or contempt.
 Epicurus's discourse concerning the original of the world is
 so ridiculously merry, that the design of his philosophy was
 pleasure and not instruction. *South.*
RIDICULOUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *ridiculous*.] The quality of being
 ridiculous.
 What sport do Tertullian, Minucius and Arnobius make
 with the images consecrated to divine worship? from the
 meanness of the matter they are made, the casualties of fire,
 and rottenness they are subject to, on purpose to represent the
 ridiculousness of worshipping such things. *Stillingfleet.*
RIDING. *particip. adj.* Employed to travel on any occasion.
 It is provided by another provincial constitution, that no
 suffragan bishop shall have more than one riding apparitor,
 and that archdeacons shall not have so much as one riding ap-
 paritor, but only a foot messenger. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*
RIDING. *n. f.* [from *ride*.] A district visited by an officer.
RIDINGCOAT. *n. f.* [*riding* and *coat*.] A coat made to keep
 out weather.
 When you carry your master's ridingcoat in a journey, wrap
 your own in it. *Swift's Directions to the Groom.*
RIDINGHOOD. *n. f.* [*riding* and *hood*.] A hood used by wo-
 men, when they travel, to bear off the rain.
 The palladium was like our ridinghood, and served both
 for a tunic and a coat. *Arbutnot on Coins.*
 Good housewives all the winter's rage despise,
 Defended by the ridinghood's disguise. *Gay.*
RIE. *n. f.* An excellent grain. The flowers have no leaves,
 but consist of several stamina, produced from the flower-
 cup; these flowers are collected into a small spike, and
 are disposed almost singly: from the flower-cup arises the
 point, afterward an oblong slender seed inclosed in an husk,
 which was before the flower-cup: this differs from wheat in
 having a flatter spike, the corn larger and more naked. *Miller.*
 August shall bear the form of a young man of a fierce
 aspect, upon his head a garland of wheat and rie. *Peacham.*
RIFE. *adj.* [*ryffe*, Saxon; *rijf*, Dutch.] Prevalent; prevail-
 ing; abounding. It is now only used of epidemical distempers.
 While those restless desires, in great men rife,
 To visit low folks did much disdain,
 This while, though poor, they in themselves did reign. *Sid.*
 Guyon closely did await
 Advantage; whilst his foe did rage most rife;
 Sometimes athwart, sometimes he strook him straight,
 And felled oft his blows. *Fairy Queen, b. ii.*
 The plague was then rife in Hungary. *Kneller.*
 Blessings then are plentiful and rife,
 More plentiful than hope. *Herbert.*
 Space may produce new worlds; whereof so rife
 There went a fame in heav'n, that he ere long
 Intended to create. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. i.*
 This is the place,
 Whence ev'n now the tumult of loud mirth
 Was rife, and perfect in my list'ning ear. *Milton.*
 That grounded maxim
 So rife and celebrated in the mouths
 Of wise men, that to the publick good
 Private respects must yield. *Milton.*
 Before the plague of London, inflammations of the lungs
 were rife and mortal. *Arbutnot on Air.*
RIFELY. *adv.* [from *rife*.] Prevalently; abundantly.
 It was rifully reported, that the Turks were coming in a
 great fleet. *Kneller's History of the Turks.*
RIFENESS. *n. f.* [from *rife*.] Prevalence; abundance.
 He ascribes the great rifeness of carbuncles in the summer,
 to the great heats. *Arbutnot on Air.*
TO RIFLE. *v. a.* [*risser*, *risler*, Fr. *rijfelen*, Dutch.] To
 rob; to pillage; to plunder.
 Stand, Sir, and throw us what you have about you; if
 not, we'll make you, Sir, and rifle you. *Shakespeare.*
 Men, by his suggestion taught,
 Ranfack'd the centre, and with impious hands
 Rifled the bowels of their mother earth
 For treasures better hid. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. i.*
 You have rifled my master, who shall maintain me? *L'Estr.*
 A commander in the parliament's rebel army rifled and de-
 faced the cathedral at Litchfield. *South.*
 Mine is thy daughter, priest, and shall remain,
 And pray'rs, and tears, and bribes shall plead in vain.
 Till time shall rife every youthful grace. *Pope.*
RIFLER. *n. f.* [from *rifle*.] Robber; plunderer; pillager.
RIFT. *n. f.* [from *rive*.] A cleft; a breach; an opening.
 He pluckt a bough, out of whose rift there came
 Small drops of gory blood. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
 She did confine thee
 Into a cloven pine, within which rift
 Imprison'd, thou didst painfully remain. *Shakespeare.*
 In St. James's fields is a conduit of brick, unto which
 joineth a low vault; at the end of that is a round house, with
 a small slit or rift; and in the conduit a window: if you cry
 out in the rift, it makes a fearful roaring at the window. *Bae.*
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 They